



GREAT C.C.F. GAINS IN ONTARIO

Two By-election Victories

VANCOUVER WINNER



RODNEY YOUNG,

who won the Vancouver Centre seat for the C.C.F. with a majority of 2,365 over his Liberal opponent, Ralph Campney who was slated for a cabinet post. The three by-election victories in Yale, Ontario and Vancouver Centre give the C.C.F. 31 seats in parliament. The Liberals have 124; Progressive Conservatives 66; Social Credit 13; Independent 4; Bloc Populaire 2; Independent Liberal 1; Independent Progressive Conservative 1; Independent C.C.F. 1; Union des Electeurs 1. There is also 1 vacant seat.



PERSONAL STUFF
BY
E. E. R.

I hate to break into your celebrations with a gloomy note. But it can't be helped. That month of impassable roads, and the round-the-clock work on the land which has kept everybody away from the post office, with the consequent suspension of organizing activity and membership collections, has played merry old hob with the finances of the C.C.F. in Alberta. It was a case of everything going out and nothing coming in. It has brought a very insistent SOS call from the provincial office. The deficit of the past two months is so serious as to make one of two things immediately necessary: Get some money in or curtail activity. Already two radio broadcasts have been suspended—CFRN in Edmonton and CFAC in Calgary. We hate to lose the time on the remaining stations, but there will be no alternative if the money is not forthcoming. But that is only the smallest part of it. Works of the provincial office organization will have to be slashed too if there is not an immediate spurt in membership fees and contributions. It seems a shame to have to write like this this week, doesn't it? But I don't

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Win Federal Seats in B.C. And Ontario

With a by-election score of three wins and no losses within a week, the C.C.F. smashed through to great victories in both East and West on Tuesday when veteran trade unionist Arthur Williams won Ontario for the C.C.F. and Rodney Young, 38-year old university of British Columbia law student and war veteran, had an equally impressive victory in Vancouver Centre.

In each case it was a win from the Liberal government. The Vancouver Centre election was made necessary by the appointment of Hon Ian Mackenzie to the senate. The seat had been held by the Liberals for the past 18 years. The Ontario seat became vacant with the death of W. E. N. Sinclair.

Williams polled 10,301 votes in the Ontario riding. The Liberals came next with 8,324 for Lyman Gifford while Mayor Frank McCallum of Oshawa, Progressive Conservative polled 7,555 votes.

Young also had a comfortable margin in Vancouver Centre. He polled a total of 9,935 votes; Ralph Campney, Liberal, 7,570 and Lyle Jesley, Progressive Conservative, 5,242.

The Ontario candidate, Arthur Williams, is one of the original members of the C.C.F. He came

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In Saskatchewan

C.C.F. Government Fighting The Election on Its Record

REGINA, (CPA)—The Saskatchewan opposition, which has charged the C.C.F. with being a "bunch of idealistic blueprint planners," received a blow this week when the Saskatchewan C.C.F. issued its 3,200 word election program. It contained no blueprint for the next four years. Indeed, most of it could be summed up in the phrase, "The same action as during the first four years, only more of it."

It did, however, make the promise that "Saskatchewan stands at the threshold of a great period of industrial expansion."

Highlights of the statement follow:

Intense exploration and development of oil resources. The piping of natural gas, where feasible, into the larger cities. The formation of co-operatives to serve rural



E. B. Jolliffe, Ontario C.C.F. Provincial Leader and M. J. Coldwell, national leader, conferring at the last national convention of the C.C.F. When they meet again at the convention in Winnipeg in August they will have reason to congratulate each other on smashing successes in the provincial and federal fields.

Optical Combine Hijacking Millions From Canadians

OTTAWA, (CPA)—A giant optical combine, headed by American Optical Company of Southbridge, Mass., and its Canadian subsidiary, the American Optical Company of Canada, Ltd., has hijacked millions of dollars a year from customers in Canada, according to a 60,000-word report of the Combines Investigation commission released this week.

The report showed conditions such as these:

1. The combine forced optometrists and opticians to charge not less than \$15 for glasses cost-

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Victory in the Air

BUT NEED MONEY TO FINANCE RADIO

Radio fund returns are more encouraging this week with \$128.50 sent in by contributors. A \$25 donation by Mr. and Mrs. Uri Powell together with \$31 from the Social Club, Calgary and another \$30 from the Calgary C.C.F. Constituency Association accounted for \$86 of the \$128.50.

Radio fund returns have been most discouraging during the past few weeks necessitating the cancelling of the Calgary CFAC program as well as the women's Wednesday afternoon talks. C.C.F. victory is in the air throughout the Dominion but more solid support will need to be forthcoming from members in this province if the Alberta C.C.F. is to keep up its end of the fight.

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Will Now Be The Official Opposition

TORONTO (CPA)—The smashing wins in Toronto and Hamilton set the pace for the outstanding C.C.F. gains in the Ontario election on Monday. Led by E. B. "Ted" Jolliffe, provincial leader, York South, and vice-presidents C. H. Millard, York West, and Agnes Macphail, York East, the C.C.F. increased its representation from eight to twenty-two and polled the largest popular vote in C.C.F. history. With returns incomplete, it appears that the C.C.F. is topping the Tories in popular vote in Toronto and York while winning eleven out of seventeen seats. In Hamilton, the C.C.F. won three of four seats.

The defeat of Premier Drew in High Park by the happy, hard-working C.C.F. candidate Bill Temple is a major C.C.F. victory. Its implications go far beyond provincial boundaries. It was freely noted that Drew would go after federal Tory leadership as soon as his party returned. His defeat in High Park may save the rest of Canada from having his arrogance and his anti-Socialist hysteria inflicted on them for some time to come.

The C.C.F. organization faced election day in excellent spirits. What looked like an uphill battle turned into a march, and if the campaign had gone on for two weeks the Tories would have been hard pressed to hold the government. The Gallup Poll showed the C.C.F. starting with 17% in April and ending with 27% of the popular vote on June 7th.

The C.C.F. ran a clean, straight-

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38% in Favor

N.Y. MEDICOS WANT STATE MEDICINE

NEW YORK.—There is much significance in the results of an election held recently by the Medical Society of the County of New York, which covers a large slice of the biggest city in America.

For president of the society there were two candidates. One charged that the other was for "socialized medicine," the term applied by the "Doctors' Trust" to any "health insurance" plan or other proposal to provide medical service for all the people.

The opponent of "socialized medicine" won, by 2,083 votes to 1,204. The significant fact, however, is that 38% of the New York doctors cast their ballots for the other man, despite all the propaganda to which they had been subjected.

Mud-Slinging "No Go" In Saskatchewan

BY MURRAY D. BRYCE

IN SASKATCHEWAN today, with the general election less than three weeks away, a weak opposition is making a desperate effort to capitalize on the current big business campaign against communism.

Announcement of the election date of June 24th brought the Leader-Post to say: "The election will be welcomed to the general public, long satiated with the ideological mouthings of the socialist doctrinaires and eager for a chance to lop the tentacles from the bloated, bureaucratic octopus established in Regina."

Big Paid-up Membership

Such hysterical nonsense will fall very flat in Saskatchewan. The current paid-up membership of the C.C.F. in the province is over twenty thousand. Has such a large portion of the people ever before taken an active part in politics anywhere in Canada? This is the broadest experiment in

popular political action we have yet seen, and it is democratic to the core.

The Saskatchewan C.C.F. is a grass-roots party if ever there was one. I believe that fact would insure its return even if it had not been the best government the province has ever had. Wild talk about a mythical communist menace will not make the public turn out the first government which has ever given the majority of the Saskatchewan people effective representation.

Conflict With East

What is the background of the Saskatchewan C.C.F.? A New York sociologist, Dr. Lipsett, who spent a year here studying the C.C.F., calls it a phase of the "almost continuous conflict of the western grain farmers with eastern business interests. It is part of the same struggle which started around the turn of the century and reached a peak in the establishment 25 years ago of the Wheat Pool which became the largest co-op in North America.

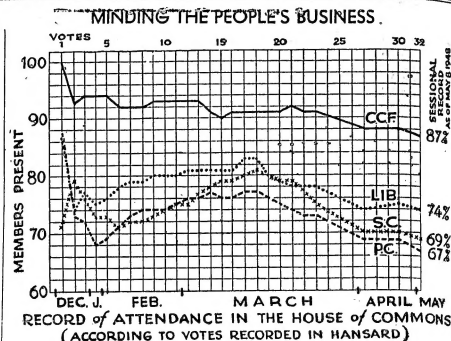
Depression and drought turned Saskatchewan abruptly from prosperity to poverty. At one time in the thirties more than two-thirds of the rural people were on relief. The calamity hit everyone. Public protest was not wasted on minor disputes; it was focussed on the interests against which the farmers had been struggling for a generation. Dr. Lipsett likened it to a national uprising against foreign oppressors.

Five Seats in 1934

The public protest quickly came to emphasize political action to remove those who echoed the policies of the eastern business interests. Many of the same people who in 1925 won a quarter of the popular vote in Saskatchewan for the Progressive party became C.C.F. workers. In 1934, as the "Farm-Labor party," five seats were won and in 1938, eleven. But it was not until 1944 that the

rising tide of political protest swept the C.C.F. into power with 53 per cent of the popular vote.

As a sociologist, Dr. Lipsett was curious to know what kind of people led the C.C.F. to power. In an elaborate survey of more than 400 delegates to two C.C.F. Saskatchewan conventions he found that the overwhelming majority of C.C.F. leaders were tried and trusted community leaders. Three-quarters of them had been co-op officials, and more than two-thirds had held elected offices in their own municipalities. This was a sharp shift in power from the city and town businessmen who had always dominated both old-line parties.



How well do M.P.'s stick to their jobs? Liberal and Conservative benches in the House of Commons are often nearly empty. When a vote is taken, members come down from their offices to take part, but many gaps in the ranks indicate the number who are absent on some business they consider to be more important than their parliamentary duties.

The C.C.F. group in the Commons is outstandingly the most conscientious, as the graph illustrates. Their attendance has usually been over 90%.

No Millionaires, No Paupers

BY MAURICE KITCHING

ONE OF New Zealand's claims to notability is that it is a land with no millionaires and no paupers. It has not always been like that, though perhaps the national income has always been more fairly shared in New Zealand than in most countries.

Greater progress toward improving the lot of the average man and woman has taken place over the last 13 years since the

Labor government came to office. It has been responsible for discouraging anything smacking of a system that allows millionaires to live in luxury alongside other people in want and semi-starvation. It has managed the finances of the nation so sensibly that practically everybody (except the once-near millionaires) is better off today than 13 years ago, though many are unwilling to admit it.

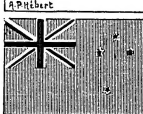
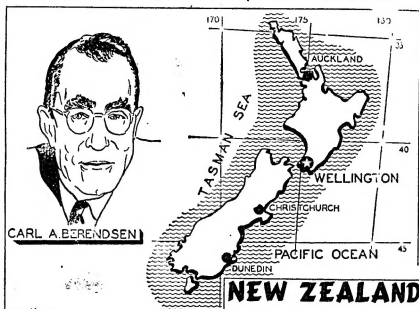


were lower now than in 1938 and the lower incomes higher.

Mr. Nash revealed that the number of New Zealanders earning between £400 and £700 a year had more than doubled

ability of goods, was one of the most fortunate countries in the world today, but he issued the solemn warning that if profits, salaries and wages and other forms of income increase without

U.N. FACTS AND FACES, NEW ZEALAND



The 1000-mile long chain of islands in the South Pacific that makes up New Zealand cannot be classified, for it is a land of tremendous variety. When settlers from Great Britain came to New Zealand only 100 years ago they found the highly-intelligent and proud Maori people, a climate that includes the sub-tropical and the temperate, every kind of landscape from sea to mountains, a fisherman's paradise and plentiful game. The country is now one of the world's great farming nations and a bounteous supplier of dairy products. New Zealand's government is noted for its broad programs of social welfare for her 1,700,000 people. Her representative at U.N. Headquarters is Sir Carl A. Berendsen. The New Zealand flag is blue with four red stars and, in the left upper corner, is the Union Jack.

in the last ten years. Those earning between £700 and £1000 had, in the same time, increased from 36, to 56 in every 1000.

In 1936 the average of all incomes over £2000 a year was £3093. Now it is down to £2873. Mr. Nash claimed that New Zealand, with its comfortable standard of living and wide avail-

a corresponding rise in production, no one could obtain any real benefit in the long run.

So far, the New Zealand government, by a policy of realistic monetary stabilization, has been able to keep inflation within reasonable bounds, so that it has not hit any section of the community as hard as it has done in other parts of the world.

YOU'RE INVITED TO C.C.F. TALENT SHOW

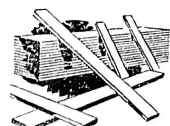
Now that good weather is here again, and the spring seedling rush is over, the C.C.F. Community Talent Show truly be made more successful than ever. By the time you have read this shows will have been held in Lamont, Mundare and Stettler.

Shows are arranged for Castor, Monday, June 14th. The program is on in Mirror, June 16th; Ponoka, June 21st; and Sylvan;

Lake, June 23rd. If you haven't attended before make sure to go to some of these. Ian Arrol is M.C. Seven years in radio have given Mr. Arrol a training that gives a nice swing to the whole program. The C.C.F. candidate will speak for 15 minutes.

This is good entertainment, good education, and if you support the C.C.F. you will enjoy it. If you do not support the C.C.F. you will still enjoy it and be a better guest. B.C., Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta the C.C.F. is going places. You might as well come along this far anyhow.

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THE DIKES ARE BREAKING

Big Business in Canada is frankly worried. It is worried because of the new trend among organized workers and farmers toward political action. Political democracy, which is the privilege of the common people to choose their own administrators and lawmakers is becoming a definite threat to the economic royalists



who own and control Canada's resources and principal means of production, distribution and exchange. The old myths and traditions are breaking down like dikes before sweeping flood waters.

For several generations Canadian electors chose their representatives in the provincial legislatures and the House of Commons by tradition rather than by intelligence. Betrayal of people's interests by opportunist politicians had dulled popular interest in politics. Thousands have neglected to exercise their democratic privilege because of frustration and disappointment. Calculated propaganda in the editorials of the commercial press has been successful in confusing issues in political campaigns. Well-paid stooges had poisoned the minds of uninformed electors with half-truths and bold lies or frightened them with "red" boogies. Labor and farmer leaders were weaned away from the people's cause by admitting them to the fleshpots.

The myth of the danger of political action was carefully cultivated until political action was practically ruled out by labor and farmer organizations. By a combination of all such tricks the sword of political action was left rusting in the sheath. Instead, labor and farmer groups fought costly economic battles for crumbs from the profit table of Monopoly Business, only to find out that these concessions were cancelled by the economic controls which the master class wielded over their lives and destinies.

For generations Canada's workers and farmers have struggled against special privilege with their political arm tied up in a sling. They have taken a tremendous beating. But now the "worm is turning." The inevitable centralization of economic power in the hands of fewer and fewer people is destroying the myth of free enterprise. The so-called middle class, the bulwark of commercial capitalism is being squeezed into the ranks of vendors of labor power. Inflation is pauperizing the supporters of capitalism. Like ill-paid soldiers they are deserting the brigades of Big Business and lining up with organized farmers and workers in a common struggle for a living standard.

Labor is realizing that the few pennies an hour they gain in bitter economic conflict are wiped out overnight by price manipulation. Labor has learned in the last year or two that it cannot win the race with inflation. So do farmers and those with fixed incomes. Like rats they are driven into a corner. They are baring their teeth to the greedy economic

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CRUEL CRIME AGAINST CHILDHOOD

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I cannot imagine anyone reading that special article, "The World's Hungry Children," without being moved by the recital of the disastrous and shameful effects of global war upon these innocent little victims of "man's inhumanity to man."

What an indictment there was in the following reference which you reprint from the New York Times' editorial dealing with the United Nations' \$60,000,000 Children's Fund, and the parade of those 25,000 youngsters through the Times Square district in that appeal: "The marchers were in bright costumes and blooming health, well fed and cheerful, as children should be. Their brothers and sisters, 230,000,000 of them, in far-off lands were not. Yet they are the treasure of the future. If they fail to survive, the world itself will have failed in its first duty..."

There, indeed, is the challenge. Long after the other agonies and effects of the war will have yielded to the healing balm of the passing years, myriads of shrunken bodies and twisted personalities and sub-normal characteristics will, in the terms used by the Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, "create vast problems for the statesmen of the future" and will be a constant reminder of the cruel crime against childhood, back in 1939-1945.

However, I think your distinguished New York contemporary is too conservative and below the fact in describing today's children as "the treasure of the future". Today's children are themselves

royalists. Automatically they are reaching for the one weapon which they have neglected to use—political action. The C.C.F. has kept this weapon sharp for 16 years and it is ready for use.

Such incidents as the Yale by-election are straws in the wind. They are a break in the dike. From now on there will be other breaks which eventually will destroy the bulwarks of special privilege. Political democracy will be put to its proper use—as an instrument of liberation from economic serfdom. Without economic freedom political democracy itself has no intrinsic value.

the future! And it is against this background that measure the figure \$60,000,000 against the aforesaid child victims, "230,000,000 of them in far-off lands" and find the sum utterly inadequate (not much over 25¢ apiece!) and a challenge to the conscience of the adult world!

From an unknown writer in the 16th century, this word comes down the years: "Plenty is the child of peace."

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BY H. ZELLA SPENCER

THE DAILY papers of Toronto are still very much engrossed with the subject of the election. The comments grow a bit more biting and the hitting a little harder. The Government in power is faced over and over again with the list of promises it made previous to the last election and which have not as yet been fulfilled.

The housing problem is a very vital one here and the Government is being continually attacked for their treatment of it, or perhaps I should say their inattention to it much condemned. One of the foremost platforms in the C.C.F. policy is an active housing program.

The liquor question is one very much commented on as well. The introduction of cock-tail bars is much deplored by many. None of the parties are promising a program of prohibition, realizing how unworkable it was in a previous attempt, but more active control is stressed. It does not sound a step forward to realize that in 1947 Ontario consumed some three million gallons of hard liquor and the drinking of beer is on the increase as well.

The C.C.F. candidate of this division called here the other day and when I gave him my blessing seemed pleased, but his face rather fell when I told him that being an Alberta citizen, I couldn't give him my vote. However, he cheered up when he found the voting members of the household were going to support him. He is a working class man representing a working class district and knowing their problems, as he had been a worker in their organization for some years.

The other subject very much to the fore in the papers is the Canadian International Trade Fair which is being held in the Exhibition Buildings here. This is being widely publicized all over the Dominion and abroad but of course Toronto is laying particular stress on it. As you know, it is open to the general public, on paying admission fee, on Saturday, but on the other days it is devoted to business between exhibitors and buyers.

Very interesting it is to walk along and see the various exhibits and note from whence they came. Of course there are a great many Canadian firms exhibiting and it seemed to me the country which came second in number was Czechoslovakia. It must indeed be a highly industrialized country to send such a variety of such beautiful exhibits; shoes and leather goods of all kinds, crystal ware, carpets and I really do not know just where to stop. Small wonder that that country is considered a prize by larger nations.

Britain of course sent her tweeds and woollens and costumes made from them. But it would take many lines of this letter if I were to tell you all the countries exhibiting and tell you how beautiful some were and how useful the others, although there was the combination of use and beauty in all.

How wonderful it will be when all the countries the world over will come with their exhibits of what they excel in doing and of which they have a surplus, to arrange for their exchange for other goods which they need; when the great motive behind production will be to satisfy the demand with the most beautiful and best that can be produced.

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SIGNIFICANT GAINS

THE RESOUNDING gains of the C.C.F. in the Ontario provincial election are as significant as they are gratifying. The people of Canada are turning to the C.C.F. as the instrument of their own participation in the political affairs of their country.

The pattern of British political progress is being followed in Canada. We have the two party system, not static in its nature but always developing. There is always a third party of progress preparing to become the second party when one of the old ones has disappeared or the two old ones have merged. This process is far on the way in Canada. Except in Ontario the Conservative party (which couldn't be revived by adding the word "progressive" to its name) has all but disappeared. The Liberal party in most of Canada has become the conservative party. And the process of merging the two old parties is far advanced.

Congratulations are due to Ted Jolliffe and his colleagues in the C.C.F. and to the progressive trade unionists in both Trades and Labor Congress and Canadian Congress of Labor unions for the vigorous and effective campaign they waged. It was a sweet victory for Jolliffe in his own riding and the defeat of the arrogant George Drew in his constituency must have given many a hard-working C.C.F. member a great thrill.

The group of twenty-two members in the new legislature has some able men, and a very able woman. They can be expected to keep before the legislature in an effective way the program of progress on which they were elected.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THAT THE C.C.F. has been the voice of the Canadian people in parliament has been demonstrated in a very practical way by three decisive federal by-election victories in a week. The issues in the by-elections in Ontario and British Columbia were the issues raised on behalf of the people by the C.C.F. in parliament. It was on these issues that the people voted.

In the veteran Arthur Williams and in the younger Rod Young the C.C.F. group in the Commons has obtained two forceful new members who may be counted on to serve well their constituencies and the people of Canada.

SAME ALTERNATIVES

PREMIER MANNING'S comment on the Ontario election was to the effect that the people of that province had only two alternatives, the old parties or Socialism. The inference was that the people of Alberta have another alternative, his government.

If the Premier's tongue wasn't in his cheek when he said that, it should have been. We have the same alternatives in Alberta as in Ontario. There is a little more camouflage here, that's all. What was once the Social Credit government of Alberta is now the quiescence of everything that was reactionary and "old party" in both the old parties. The Conservatives are not even pretending about it, they acknowledge the government as being more Tory than anything they could ever dream of electing.

So the alternative in Alberta is just the same: the old parties concentrated in the Manning government versus the people's political movement—the C.C.F.

DIDN'T LIKE S.C.

THERE WERE fourteen constituencies in which Ontario electors had a Social Credit "alternative." The *Voice of the Electors*, official organ of the party in Ontario, made a great splash about the fourteen Social Credit stalwarts and boasted that in addition to the candidates there were eight full-time paid organizers participating in the campaign. They didn't pretend to be able to form a government. They were only running in the strongest Social Credit ridings. The doughty fourteen got an average of 634 votes.

In York East, for example, Mr. Manning's Social Credit "alternative" obtained 387 votes. Miss Agnes Macphail won the seat with 22,595. One of the S.C. candidates was an Alberta man, Ron Gostick. He polled 570 votes. One of the highest votes polled by an S.C. candidate was in Cochrane South, in Northern Ontario, where we were told the Union of Electors had everything sewed up tight. Henri Pelletier, (S.C.) got 1097 votes. The seat was won by a C.C.F. candidate with 13,534.

THE THIRD COLUMN

HOMES FIT TO LIVE IN

* Mrs. Violet McNoughton in The Western Producer, June 3:

"But in spite of housing delays and difficulties in Britain considerable progress is being made. In many districts up-to-date publicly owned blocks of homes are being built. One Sunday morning while week-ending in Kent I was fortunate in being able to visit some of these. A kindly young doctor interested in social progress invited me to go with him on his morning rounds.

"Our first call was at a new Urban District Council House. . . Built on an 80x32 ft. lot and with a floor space of 1000 feet this pleasant six-roomed house was a far cry from the same council's first houses built more than twenty years earlier.

"Specially attractive was the breakfast room with French windows opening into the garden. Equipped with both gas and electricity the house possessed many conveniences that went with it such as a new type of copper, a rack for drying clothes indoors as well as a drying cupboard heated from the boiler heater. Even the towel rack was steam heated. No more strings of washing dangling on the housewives head on wet winter days.

"Upstairs was an airing cupboard which the lady of the house said also helped to warm that part of the house. . .

"I saw quite a number of homes that fine Sunday morning. In many dinner was being prepared and in nearly every case there was some meat, I suspect saved especially for a hot Sunday dinner. Not one housewife really complained of the food restrictions."



HOW TRUE, HOW TRUE!

Edmonton Journal, June 4:

"Both the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives have bluntly announced they are joining forces for one purpose: to stamp out the threat of democracy, presented by the C.C.F. (in Saskatchewan). Recently when Liberals in Regina nominated only one candidate in this two-seat riding, a prominent supporter said: 'What is the difference anyway between a Liberal and a Conservative—not a thing.'"



... AND THE CHANGED SOCIETY

Time, May 10th, quotes New York's Bishop Garfield Bromley Oxnam as saying in the Episcopal address to the Quadrennial General Conference representing the 21 million Methodists in the world:

"All too few churchmen see in labor a world-wide movement that means a new social order as truly as the coming of the machine meant the passing of feudalism. This the Church must understand.

"Methodism must not divide itself into those who speak of the individual Gospel and the social Gospel. . . . There is the Gospel; and the Gospel calls for the changed heart and the changed society."

FOOTPRINTS

By Their Fruits

By J. P. Griffin



"So because you are taken away, neither hot nor cold, I am going to spit you out of my mouth."

THERE IS an attractive ring about an assertion of independence. I've heard a man say that he is not bound to any political party seems to argue for a sturdy strength of mind, and a purpose that submits to no control. But why should any capitalist lion, or the jackal that lives in his shadow for that matter, surrender his privileges as a beast of prey to any political party? Do they not all respect him equally well, do they not all supply him with his dinner, do they not all shudder at his roar? Yes they all do that—except the C.C.F. Truly in a capitalist economy a politician can be as independent as he pleases, it is all the same anyway.

But no one can be independent in the sphere of economics. The human race does not function in that way. Men are not independent, they are interdependent. This association results in the cultural heritage we once heard so much about. The oil that comes from Leduc would have little value if the buffalo still roamed the prairies. What gives it its value is the fact that thousands of customers use it. Oil plus tepees may only mean poverty, but oil plus tractors will certainly mean prosperity.

In its recognition of economic factors the C.C.F. stands alone. If it were nothing more than a fourth puppet to be stood up or knocked down at election time the Big Shots would not be so concerned about it. But it is something more. In spite of all the evil attempts that have been made to foster hatred between the Canadians that do the Dominion hard work, these people recognize their interdependence and glory in it, and there is nothing lush, warm about their determination to put an end to their exploitation either.

The day came when millions of British people could no longer hold an attitude of independent toleration towards the evils of capitalism in their home-land. Behind the landlord they found the filthy slums, around the pit-head they saw the pallid wasted youth, and above the baggies they heard the bursting bombs. For long years of war they had submitted in patient sacrifice, but now the time had come to give expression to their concern.

In this statement from the "Children's Newspaper" of January, 1948, we read the fruits of that concern for others:

"The Medical Officer of Health for London has recently given a heartening report about the health of school children in the metropolis. In 1946 there was a higher proportion of children whose nutrition was recorded as excellent as compared with 1938. Fewer children were found to be suffering from ear, nose, throat, and teeth troubles, and a higher proportion had normal eyesight. Also there were fewer heart defects, and rheumatism had decreased. All these improvements reflect the increasing care which school children are receiving."

"My Son John"

By J. E. COOK

President, Alberta C.C.F.

DOWN at Leduc, at a meeting, where he was flanked on the platform by Norman Jaques, M.P., and Pat Ashby, M.P., last January, the then Hon. Earl Ansley talked, somewhat wildly, of men having endangered their lives by adherence to a political conviction.

He did not insist his life was in immediate danger, but conceivably somebody in Alberta might be in that position. It was a little difficult to know just what Mr. Ansley did mean. Perhaps Mr. Bourcier, M.L.A. for Lac Ste. Anne, at a convention at which he was nominated recently, may have given some clarification. Or perhaps he didn't.

Anyhow, Mr. Bourcier is reported to have said, or implied, that his telephone in Edmonton had been tapped. At the time, he was talking about the attacks against him that had been carried in the "Social Creditor". He expressed himself as not surprised that he should be the object of such an attack through such a medium because, he said, "Communism" had infiltrated into the Social Credit movement. He named, in reply to a question from the floor, Mr. Haldeman, leader of the Saskatchewan Social Credit, and national chairman of the movement. Mr. Bourcier thinks Mr. Haldeman has charge of the

policy of the "Social Creditor". Mr. Bourcier, of course, is one of the great mouthpieces calling for the defeat of the "Communist".

Still Not Clear

For 14 years there have been many people in Alberta who have wondered if Mr. Bourcier had much idea of what he has been talking about. What he had to say at his nominating convention has not helped to clear up this doubt. The occasion was ideal for careless talk because it seems that very few people were there to hear. One report places the attendance at 21, with 14 voting delegates.

Basic Differences

Mr. Bourcier mourns the loss of the 1948 report of the Social Credit Board, for which the people of Alberta paid. This was suppressed by the cabinet, and support of it led to mutual expressions of sorrow by the Honorable, the minister of Education, and the Honorable, the Premier and Mr. Ansley's forced resignation from the cabinet. This difference of opinion attained proportions described as "basic" by the premier. Oddly enough, such extremely opposite viewpoints, terrific enough to move Ansley out of the cabinet, still left him in full support of the government as a private member.

For the Second Time

In Leduc the executive of the so-called Social Credit Constituency Association would like (Continued on Page 8)

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C.C.F. Meeting Schedule

C.C.F. organization activity is rapidly picking up all over the province after two months of enforced quiet. Nominating conventions are being arranged for many constituencies in which candidates have not yet been chosen, and constituency organization meetings will shortly be held in all others. In addition Federal Constituency annual conventions are being planned so that Alberta will be properly represented at the National convention which will be held this year at Winnipeg, August 12 to 14.

Dates and other details covering all these meetings will be published just as soon as complete information is received at the Provincial Office. The following meetings have been definitely arranged.

Wednesday, June 16—Rocky Mountain House constituency organization meeting at W.I. Hall, Sylvan Lake, 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 17—Lethbridge Federal Constituency Convention, at Labor Temple, Lethbridge, 2:30 p.m. This will be followed by Lethbridge Provincial Nominating Convention in the evening. A. J. E. Liesemer M.L.A., will attend.

Friday, June 18—Ponoka Constituency organization meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Kvestad, 7:00 p.m. The location of the Kvestad home is two miles west, ½ mile north of Ponoka.

Saturday, June 19—Olds constituency organization meeting at parish hall, Olds, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 21—Alexandra Constituency organization meeting at Kitecity, 2:00 p.m. Ernie Cook will attend.

Tuesday, June 22—Vermilion Constituency Convention at Manville, 2:30 p.m. Ernie Cook will attend.

Saturday, June 26—Redwater Constituency organization meeting at Radway, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 26—Pembina Constituency annual convention at Westlock. Legion Hall, 2:30 p.m., followed by public meeting at 9:00 p.m. Elmer E. Roper, speaker.

Monday, June 28—Red Deer Federal Constituency Conven-

tion at Innisfail, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 28—Camrose Federal Constituency Convention at Daysland, 1:00 p.m. Elmer E. Roper, speaker.

Mrs. Peterson, Liesemer

Speak in Saskatchewan

Mrs. Nellie Peterson, first vice-president of the Alberta C.C.F., and A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., will be in Saskatchewan for a few days this month participating in the C.C.F. election campaign in that province.

Mrs. Peterson leaves next week for the Yorkton constituency and Mr. Liesemer will be in the Maple Creek constituency June 21, 22 and 23.

DR. NESS TO SPEAK AT C.C.F. MEETING, TUES.

"Norway As I Saw It in 1947" will be his topic when Dr. H. B. Ness speaks at the regular monthly meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F., Tuesday, June 15, at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The talk will be illustrated with colored slides.

Dr. Ness, a Camrose dentist, visited Norway last summer.

EXTEND SYMPATHY TO FAMILY OF E. STEINKE

The Cherhill C.C.F. club deeply regrets the untimely passing of one of its members, Mr. Edward Steinke, who was fatally injured in a run-away when his team bolted. He died in the Mayerthorpe hospital on Thursday, May 27.

Mr. Steinke for many years has been active in the C.C.F., the co-operative movement, and the Alberta Farmers' Union. His many friends and co-workers will greatly miss him.

Lac Ste. Anne C.C.F. members and the People's Weekly join with Cherhill friends in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Steinke and family.

LETHBRIDGE C.C.F. WILL NOMINATE ON JUNE 17

Lethbridge C.C.F. constituency will hold its provincial nominating convention in the Trades Council Hall on Thursday, June 17. A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A. will be the guest speaker.

HEADS C.C.F. IN B.C.



MRS. DOROTHY STEEVES,

former member of the B.C. Legislature and active worker in the B.C. movement, has been elected president of the C.C.F., B.C.-Yukon section. She is the first woman to hold that post. On June 1, Mrs. Jessie M. Mendels became the first woman to be provincial secretary of the C.C.F. in the coast province. Convention delegates instructed the incoming executive to set up a committee to draw up proposals for a first-term program for a C.C.F. government in B.C. This draft program is to be submitted to the provincial convention next year.

MANITOBA TO HOLD CONVENTION JUNE 24-26

Provincial convention of the Manitoba C.C.F. will be held in Winnipeg on June 24, 25 and 26.

CCF PREPARES FOR ELECTION IN N.B.

ST. JOHN, New Brunswick—The New Brunswick C.C.F. was already making plans for the summer provincial election before Premier J. B. MacNair announced June 28 as election day. Reports from constituency representatives indicate good C.C.F. interest in the province. Fred Young, Maritime organizer, will be in New Brunswick during most of the month.

The C.C.F.'s 12-point program calls for:

Industrial development of the province, through Crown, co-operative and private companies; Extension of rural electric power development and reduction of rates for rural areas; Orderly marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural and fisheries products through (A) marketing boards, (B) co-operative and government-owned processing and cold storage plants; A labor code providing for (A) speedy certification of unions; (B) maintenance of memberships and check-off; (C) outlawing of company unions; Reforestation and conservation of forest; Reclamation of marshlands; Medical, dental, and hospital services, irrespective of ability to pay; Increased old age pensions; Increased provincial government responsibility in the educational field; Compulsory low cost automobile insurance provided by the government; Ministry of co-operatives; Electoral reforms, including abolishing of patronage system.

BOX FACTORY REPORTS

A PROFIT OF \$10,000
REGINA, (CPA)—The Saskatchewan Timber Board's Box factory at Prince Albert, which has been under almost constant fire as a money-loser since it was seized by the C.C.F. government for non-observance of labor laws, last week reported a \$10,000 surplus for the six months ended April 30.

"THE BIG 10"

These are the ten leading constituencies in 1948 paid up membership as at May 31st.

1. WILLINGDON

2. Wetaskiwin; 3. Camrose; 4. St. Albert; 5. Ponoka; 6. Pembina; 7. Leduc; 8. Bruce; 9. Grande Prairie; 10. Redwater. Spirit River, Red Deer, Clover Bar and Lethbridge are close behind these leaders.

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Ponoka Constituency makes biggest gain in May.



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A.C.C.F. Win:

Victory For The People

Radio Talk by A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

THE CITIZENS of the Federal Constituency of Yale in British Columbia won a great victory for themselves the other day when they elected a retail merchant, Mr. O. L. Jones, the C.C.F. candidate.

It was a glorious victory for the people because the C.C.F. candidate won out over both old line party candidates with several thousand majority. The victory is an indication that Canada's Big Shots are not only on the defensive but that the people have them on the run. Too long have we allowed ourselves to be fooled into voting against our own interests and so the rule of monopoly has continued to raise prices, greedily capitalists have waxed fat on excess profits while farmers and teachers and trade unionists and stenographers and store clerks have been struggling to make ends meet on a salary that every day buys less than it did the day before.

The people of Canada are coming to the conclusion that they are capable of electing their own members of the legislature and parliament and that is why they turned to the C.C.F. in Yale, that is why they elected the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan in 1944 and are going to return Tommy Douglas and his C.C.F. colleagues to power on the 24th of this month.

Big Shots Thwarted

Saskatchewan is not a wealthy province in natural resources. But there the people working together through the C.C.F. representatives they elected in 1944 have blocked off the Big Shots who no longer exploit the people in any field over which the provincial government has control.

\$6 vs \$36

Motorists in Saskatchewan have a huge governmental insurance scheme and they get insurance for \$6 which in Alberta costs us \$36. The Social Credit cabinet of Alberta, which since the death of Mr. Aberhart has forgotten all about Social Credit, and helps the Big Shots whom Mr. Aberhart used to fight, passed a law which practically forces Alberta motorists to buy insurance from private financial institutions at six times the rates which the people of Saskatchewan sell it to themselves through the C.C.F. plan. Alberta motorists have paid about \$3,000,000 more for insurance than the people of Saskatchewan and it has all gone to the insurance companies. The international financiers like that, and they would

like to get that privilege back in Saskatchewan.

And so the Big Shots are pouring thousands of dollars into the Saskatchewan election. Full page ads. are appearing in the papers there trying to persuade the people to defeat their own government. But of course it won't succeed. What motorist wants to defeat his own government so that the financial interest can come in and make him pay them six times as much for his automobile insurance.

Big Shots Back S.C.

Now in the election that is coming in Alberta this summer the financial interests will be very anxious to see that the Social Credit government, which they no longer fear since Mr. Aberhart's death, is returned again. In automobile insurance alone it means \$3,000,000 out of the pockets of the people and into theirs. But the people of Alberta know what the C.C.F. policy has done to help the people of Saskatchewan and here in Alberta too I am confident that the people will elect their own representatives and get rid of the rule of the big shots in Alberta too.

No Worry Over Hospital Bills

How would you like to know that for \$5 paid at the beginning of the year you could have full hospitalization when you take sick? It would be comforting to know, wouldn't it, that if you become ill, when you got out of hospital you would not have to spend months paying a hospital bill—that you had paid it all for \$5 in advance. Well, that is what happens in Saskatchewan, and that is what will happen here in Alberta after you elect your own C.C.F. representatives in the provincial election which will come in a few weeks time.

How can hospitalization be provided so cheaply? Well, in Alberta we are not doing it because Mr. Tanner and Mr. Manning say to the American monopolist, "Here is our oil. Come and help yourself." But in Saskatchewan Premier Tommy Douglas says: "Our natural resources are not great, but they are for the benefit of the people."

Elmer E. Roper, the Alberta leader of the C.C.F., is at once a practical business man and great Christian humanitarian. He has pointed out time after time to this government that Alberta is so well-to-do in natural resources that we can have hospitalization, good market and school roads, rural electrification, and good education, if we simply use the resources for the benefit of the people instead of for the benefit of the oil magnates of Oklahoma and New York. It's time we changed to a government of the people's representatives instead of being servants of the foreign monopolies. This time citizens of Alberta are voting C.C.F.

Mail your order to the advertiser and remember to tell him you saw his ad in the People's Weekly.

OLDTIMER PASSES ON



FRED SMEED, vice-president of the Alberta Federation of Labor, prominent trade union leader and a former member of the Lethbridge City Council, who passed away in Lethbridge on May 16, following a two month's illness. Active in the Brewery and Soft Drink Workers' International Union, Mr. Smeed had on several occasions acted as an international representative. He had been president of the Lethbridge Trades Council for 25 years in succession and was prominently associated in the work of the Alberta Federation of Labor. The People's Weekly joins with his many labor friends in extending sympathy to his bereaved family.

HONORED BY LABOR



JAMES E. WORSLEY, first president of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council who will be honored by fellow trade unionists on June 11 when he is presented with a life membership in the Calgary Trades and Labor Council. Earlier in the year Mr. Worsley was made a life member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of which organization he has been a member for 41 years. Mr. Worsley is a former vice-president of the Alberta Federation of Labor. Mr. and Mrs. Worsley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 1947.

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You speak 4,800 words. (Not all are necessary.)
You move 750 major muscles.
Your nails grow .000046 of an inch.
Your hair grows .01714 of an inch. (We challenge this statement.)
You exercise 7,000,000 "brain cells." You should, that is! Gosh, don't you feel tired?

C.C.F. Policy on Education

From a Radio Broadcast by MRS. M. E. BUTTERWORTH, Women's C.C.F. Club, Edmonton

THE C.C.F. educational program is born of full knowledge of conditions in Alberta, of strong conviction that each Alberta child is entitled to as full an education as he can benefit by, and a determination to secure equal educational opportunity for all children in this province, no matter where they live.

Educationists Worried

Conditions in Alberta have had educationists worried for many years. We are not training nearly enough teachers. Salaries will have to be more attractive. Now, school trustees have only the property tax to draw on. The C.C.F. declares that within two regular sessions of taking office, 50 per cent of the costs of elementary and secondary education will be met from provincial general revenue, together with equalization grants to school divisions and districts.

Insecure Foundations

What of our school buildings, in which our children spend a great many of their waking hours? Both rural and urban. Many are dilapidated, ill-ventilated, ill-lit, ill-heated, ill-equipped, and unattractive. Alberta's reputation as progressive in education rests on insecure foundations so long as these conditions exist.

Would Travel Safely

Centralization of schools has much to recommend it. But it has increased costs considerably. Dormitories have had to be built. The present government provides no grant for this. Under a C.C.F.

government there would be grants for this type of capital expenditure. A C.C.F. government would also get the different departments of administration to co-operate so that school roads would be put into and kept in repair—with adequate road signs, so that our children may travel safely.

Alberta needs more schools of the Red Deer Composite High type where agricultural, academic, commercial school, household science and cultural courses are offered. A C.C.F. government would encourage this by building and other capital grants.

Greater Local Autonomy

The C.C.F. program for education is a strong one. True to its democratic principles, the C.C.F. would encourage all interested groups to help in formulating educational objectives. Far from usurping the powers of local districts, the C.C.F. believes in greater local autonomy in determining policies of administration affecting local school districts. This C.C.F. program for the education of the young people of Alberta deserves your support.

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POPE PIUS IN PLEA FOR MORE SOCIAL REFORMS

OTTAWA, (CPA)—Pope Pius, in an anniversary address on June 2, urged "the prudent organization of production" and warned that such production must be the result of "unbridled competition." The "urgent need," he said, is "to provide the poorer classes with housing, bread and work."

The Pope's pronouncement has been viewed as an important advance over the "rerum novarum" encyclical of 1891 which set forth the rights of labor.

"Just and necessary social reforms" were needed, the Pope said, to increase production without "oppression and despotic exploitation of labor and the needs of individuals."

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A BIT OF Nonsense

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He met a man who had been fishing and said he hadn't even gotten a bite.

He met a husband and wife both of whom said they had been wrong at the end of an argument.

He met an editor who did not blame the printer or proofreader for a mistake in his paper.

Having met all these honest people, Diogenes blew out his lantern and went home, being so old by this time that he could hardly walk.

This was one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's favorite stories.

Two rather rowdy young darlings, in whose minds shilling police signs were insolubly connected with great personal trouble and inconvenience, were walking along Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington one morning when they became suddenly aware of a long black car bearing upon them, preceded by siren-sounding motorcycles in awesome number.

"Who dat?" stammered one of the Negroes.

"Why, you wall-eyed ignoramus," rejoined the other, "dat am de President ob de United States!"

"Yeah?" said the first Negro.

"What he done?"

"When I was a boy," said Senator Sorghum, "I wanted to go to sea."

"You never realized the ambition?"

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India's New Governor General

IT IS officially announced from Buckingham Palace that the King, on the recommendation of His Majesty's Government in India, has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Sri Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, present Governor of West Bengal, as Governor General of India to succeed Earl Mountbatten of Burma who will relinquish his appointment on June 21, 1948.

The sixty-nine year old Governor General designate of India, Chakravarty Rajagopalachari, has been one of the most distinguished representatives of the Indian National Congress for the last forty years. He was a close and intimate associate of Mahatma Gandhi and in many ways his confidante. While a staunch Congressman, C.R. or Rajaji, as he is called, has been a fearless advocate of his views and has not been afraid to differ from the official Congress policy.

Congress Secretary

Rajaji has been General Secretary to the All India National Congress and a member of its Working Committee for many years. In 1932 he officiated as Congress President for a short while. After general elections in 1937, he became the first elected Prime Minister of Madras, which position he resigned in 1939, in pursuance of a Congress directive on the outbreak of World War II.

In 1942 he differed from the official Congress policy over a Congress League settlement and resigned from Congress. He played an important part in the Gandhi-Jinnah talks in 1944. In 1946 he was nominated member of the Congress Working Committee.

In September, 1946, he became member of the Interim Government in charge of Industries and Supplies. Since August, 1947, he has been Governor of West Bengal and during Earl Mountbatten's absence in November, 1947, he officiated as Governor General for a fortnight.

He is an accomplished speaker



SRI CHAKRAVARTY RAJAGOPALACHARI

and popular writer in Tamil. He has translated Mahabharata in Tamil. Other publications include "English and Tamil," "Upanishad," "The Way Out," and "Booklets on Prohibition and the Indian Political Deadlock."

"Unique Reasonableness" Commending the appointment of Sri Rajagopalachari the British edited STATESMEN on May 4 in a leading article says: "Though in some things he is or was very conservative, he has an almost uni-

que reasonableness. He is above all an ethical person. His sense of duty is though not uncritically Gandhian—his independence of outlook has been exemplified on at least one famous occasion—resembles the Mahatma's. If his advice is followed it seems more than likely that freedom will neither be wasted on ambitious experiments nor corrupted by routine, of whose fallacies as well as value he is well aware."

Describing the warm reception in London of the news of Sri Rajagopalachari's appointment, Reuters' political correspondent

says: "The penetrative insight of India's elder statesman has long been admired in Britain." He quotes Lord Pethick Lawrence, who had headed the Cabinet Mission to India as Secretary of State, as saying: "I am delighted to hear the announcement. Rajaji is recognized as one of the wisest of India's great statesmen. He will be a worthy successor to Earl Mountbatten. That in itself is the highest praise."

Just a Minute!

By A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

In spite of the handicap to organization provided by the Social Credit lack of roads and bridges in the country, the prospects of a C.C.F. win in the Alberta election this August are brighter and brighter every day. The wonderful record of Saskatchewan compared to Social Credit's abject surrender to the Big Shots is awakening Albertans to the need to elect their own people's government.

After August of this year we too can have hospitalization, good roads and bridges, automobile insurance at cost, good labor laws, rural electrification, a decent scale of compensation. All we have to do is tell our neighbor the story of Saskatchewan and what we people of Alberta can do for Albertans with our greater natural resources here in this province.

All over Canada the C.C.F. story of real Christian democracy is becoming known. The time in Alberta is short. We are all of us missionaries of a great cause. The hour of the decisive battle is at hand. Let not one of us lose one opportunity every day, that is left us—to tell our friends and our neighbors in our own district what we people can do for ourselves and our fellow citizens and the children who come after us by banding ourselves together to elect our own representatives.

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believe in beating about the bush in such a crisis. It's your movement. You have a right to know how things are going.

There are some very bright spots which indicate that we are victims only of the peculiar circumstances involved in the jump from winter to summer in this province. Jack McLachlan got around some in his constituency of Bow River-Empress and sent in a batch of memberships, contributions and subscriptions to the People's Weekly totalling about \$150 last week. He says all you have to do is contact the people. The swing to the C.C.F. in Alberta is just as pronounced as anywhere else. And just at the time when we seem to be on the up-and-up all over Canada, it would be tough to have to curtail our activities in this province. So this is a very frank and urgent appeal to you. As a first move, will you please attend to your own 1948 membership, if you haven't already done so? Will you send in your sub to the People's Weekly, if it is due? Will you make that contribution which you intend to make to the organizing and campaign fund? And, finally, will you give the radio fund a boost? If all of you who read this will attend to these things as soon as you can get to the post office, it will save the situation. In particular, I hope urban people, in Edmonton, Calgary and other cities, will make a special effort to help out right now.

We have no means of knowing whether or not we'll be in an election campaign here in another month or six weeks, but there could easily be some significance to the fact that Social Credit nominating conventions are being held all over the place. A newspaper reporter said to me the other day: "You can't tell me that the tip-off to the boys to get themselves nominated doesn't mean anything." He thinks it will be in August. I hope not, because it has been too hard to convince others that the need for immediate action is pressing. But whether in August or next June, there is little enough time to build an organization. A writer in one of the Calgary papers in commenting recently on the situation in the province said the government had become unpopular and would be defeated—if any other party were well enough organized to pull the anti-government votes. He didn't think the C.C.F. was ready, and he was sure the Liberals weren't. So, he said, it would look as if the government might go in by default. If he is right, it is not very flattering to our

members and supporters. There are enough C.C.F. members and supporters in every constituency in the province to organize every poll in the province. What we seem to need is a lot of self-starters.

If that last paragraph seems a bit pessimistic I didn't mean to make it so. I just want us to face up to things as they are. The fields are white unto harvest and the laborers are few. That's all that stands between us and a C.C.F. government in this province. Never in the history of this country have a people been so completely sold out as the people of Alberta by the Manning government. Every principle for which the original Social Credit government stood has been scuttled. I never did agree with Social Credit. It was and still is a fallacious economic theory. But none could deny that the original Social Credit government had a crusading zeal on behalf of the people. In that sense, if not fundamentally, it was progressive. It has now become the most reactionary administration in Canada. It has shown hostility to almost every organized group of the people. To allow such a government to be re-elected because we as individuals haven't done our part to build a people's movement to replace it would be a tragic indictment against every individual supporter of the C.C.F. in the province. Say it isn't so!

Two By-elections

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to Canada from Tredregh, Wales, in 1929. A coal miner in his native Wales, he was intimately associated with Aneurin Bevan, now minister of health in the British Labor cabinet.

Rodney Young was born in Liverpool, England in 1910, coming to Canada in 1926, and to B.C. in 1928. He was graduated from Liverpool College in 1926. A long-time member of the C.C.F., Rod Young was first vice-president of the CCYM in 1934. He served in Italy and western Europe during the war. Demobilized, he entered the U.B.C. under the student-veteran scheme to study law. He is an excellent debater and well versed in economic and social affairs. His union affiliations include: president, Employees Association of Banff Springs Hotel (1939); Civic Employees Union (1939); Plumbers and Steamfitters (A.F.L.) 1940.

Mr. Young married Miss Marjorie Young of Winnipeg in 1939.

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"My Son John"

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to have the public believe that Mr. Ansley is a man of great principle to have given up his cabinet salary for an opinion. Just how such a hero can reconcile his further support of a government with whom he "basically" disagrees is not clear. As a matter of fact this is twice that Mr. Ansley has bolted from the ranks of his leaders.

The first time he toured the Leduc constituency telling his constituents that the late Premier Aberhart was betraying the people of Alberta and making no attempt to introduce Social Credit. On one occasion on a Calmar platform Mr. Ansley and the present attorney-general did a little fistfight exhibition—or at least some fancy footwork.

Within a few months Mr. Ansley appeared on the same platform, in the same hall, with Mr. Aberhart, who affectionately called Mr. Ansley one of his bright young men. Mr. Ansley did not at that time put his position to the test by resigning his seat. He did not this time either.

He Was Fired

Actually, Mr. Ansley quit his cabinet position, if reports from a caucus of M.L.A.'s last year are to be trusted, because he was fired. It was nice to have the premier give Mr. Ansley an excuse, for mutual advantage. But, if Mr. Ansley did quit because of differences in policy, it was the deputy of Hon. Mr. Hooke's department he was supporting. The deputy was fired.

The difference of opinion arose over a report prepared by Mr. Hooke's department, surely with Mr. Hooke's knowledge and support. If quitting makes Ansley an honorable man, what does staying in make Hooke?

Of course, Hon. Mr. Hooke, in the way of duty, lost some of the lustre from his hair, some finger-nails dropped off, and he came home sort of debilitated. Perhaps that was atonement enough. Perhaps Mr. Hooke doesn't think much of this hero business if it means being "out." But he and Mr. Ansley have been long-time pals.

Great C.C.F.

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forward campaign based on its first term program passed at the 1947 October convention.

Point to Saskatchewan

The C.C.F. emphasis on the work of the Saskatchewan government proved extremely effective, too, and drew forces spent hundreds of thousands attacking Saskatchewan with every kind of lie imaginable.

Tories Get Hysterical

It was evident even to the Tories that lies about Saskatchewan were not enough. They, therefore, carried on a hysterical campaign, trying to link the C.C.F. with the Communists. They admitted that the Ontario C.C.F. had openly and frequently repudiated Communist support and advances, but still they went to extremes of vituperation trying to smear the C.C.F. with a vicious "Red Scare" campaign. They failed to make the Commie mud stick. Premier Drew's final broadcast of the campaign was a half-hour high-strung tirade against the supposed C.C.F.-Commie line-up. Nothing like it has ever been heard before from a political leader in Canada. It revolted even his own followers.

Official Opposition

Jubilant in the Ontario C.C.F. ranks is mounting high. Once again the C.C.F. is official opposition, with "Ted" Jolliffe as leader. This election proved 1943

results, when the C.C.F. elected 34 members, was no flash in the pan. Electing 22 members this time, the C.C.F. vote was up over fifty thousand over 1943.

Credit must be given to the Ontario Federation of Labor for active participation.

The trade unionists were in the fight heart and soul, electing six unionists in Toronto—four C.C.F., C.I.O., two A.F. of L.—and two in Hamilton, and now are determined to carry the battle from the urban ridings into the rural areas.

Hard-Working Farmer

Final weeks of the campaign showed increasing C.C.F. support in farm areas, but not soon enough to carry rural seats. But among mixed riding members elected is Ted Isley, hard-working farmer, with a very high standing among farmers. He will be a tower of strength, pushing the C.C.F. program in rural Ontario.

Campaign slogan of "People First" has registered. Working people of Ontario know that the C.C.F. is the party of the people. Toryism is fighting a losing battle in its last stronghold. The Liberals are discounted as a political factor here. The C.C.F. and the people are on the march.

Optical Combine

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ing \$8.80.
2. A minimum retail price of \$10 was set for glasses costing \$4.20.
3. Lenses costing \$1.65 a pair had to be sold for not less than \$5.

Low-cost lenses were taken off the market under combine pressure, and the prices of others were jacked up.

The 26 chief Canadian wholesalers had supplied optical goods worth \$8,400,000 in 1946—but the public paid \$18,000,000 the same year for their eye-glasses. The difference—\$9,600,000—is approximately the combine profit for 1946.

Patent Licensing Scheme

Control of prices revolved around a patent licensing scheme, operated by American Optical and Numont Ful-Vue, the report said. Manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers were all required to accept licenses in handling the bulk of their optical goods. At each stage of distribution the license required the observance of minimum prices, not only for the frames and mountings but also for the complete spectacles and for lenses and other parts assembled with them.

F. A. McGregor, commissioner, made the report to Justice Minister Isley who has the responsibility along with Justice Department officials of deciding to prosecute under the Combines Investigation Act. No announcement of such action has yet been made.

LIBERALS RETICENT ON AID FOR COMMUNISTS

OTTAWA, (CPA)—A Montreal newspaper report that the Communist party would support the Liberals in the Quebec provincial election, brought a question from the C.C.F. Moose Jaw member, Ross Thatcher, in the House of Commons on June 2. Mr. Thatcher asked in French whether the Liberals would accept this offer of aid.

Replying, Postmaster General Bertrand said, "The Liberal Party accepts no responsibility at all for the communists," but he did not deny or confirm that the aid would be accepted.

In reporting a fatal mishap, a daily newspaper had this to say, "The accident occurred at Hillcrest Drive and Santa Barbara Avenue, as the dead man was crossing the intersection."

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STREETS JAMMED AS DOUGLAS NAMED

REGINA, (CPA)—Opposition hopes that the popularity of Premier T. C. Douglas and his C.C.F. government were on the wane in Saskatchewan were rudely shattered Friday by the record-breaking turnout at the C.C.F. nominating convention in the premier's home constituency of Weyburn.

Streets Jammed

The town of Weyburn was jammed with traffic; parking space was at a premium, and well over a thousand people thronged the main street, trying to get near the hall where the convention and public meeting were being conducted. (Only 200 showed up at a convention* to nominate a Liberal-Conservative coalition candidate a few days previously.)

Over \$4,500 for the C.C.F. campaign fund was raised at the convention. The event climaxed a series of record turnouts at Douglas meetings in various parts of the province. Mr. Douglas will complete his campaign right in Weyburn constituency, where he was elected in 1944 after representing Weyburn federal riding for nine years.

CO-OP MANIFESTO URGES HIGH AIMS

OTTAWA, (CPA)—The Co-operative Union office in Ottawa has released the text of the Manifesto of the International Co-operative Alliance, which will mark the 26th International Co-operative Day, on Saturday, 28th July, 1948.

"On the occasion of the 26th International Co-operative Day, the International Co-operative Alliance which stands for economic and social justice, liberty and the peaceful association of the whole human family, declares that one of the main reasons for the present state of world affairs is the lack of a co-operative spirit in the political and economic relations between the nations. "But it affirms that, in the co-operative organization, national and international, with its tested and tried principles, the people of the world have in their own hands the instrument to overcome the prevailing distress and disunity.

A Powerful Factor

"The International Co-operative Alliance further declares that THE PROGRESS OF CO-OPERATION IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FACTORS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, and that the causes of friction in the world will disappear as the social and economic life of every nation becomes organized according to the co-operative principles.

"THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE, THEREFORE—

"APPEALS to the people of every country to join the Co-operative Movement and to apply its basic principles in all walks of life.

"CALLS upon the Co-operators of the World to work with all the means in their power to secure, uphold and defend Freedom, Justice and Peace;

"URGES the Co-operative Organizations of all lands to give their wholehearted support to all earnest endeavors which may be made nationally or internationally with the sincere object of re-establishing goodwill between nations of promoting economic security, and of raising the standard of living of the peoples of the world.

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